SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 14, 2006

FORMER CHILDREN'S COUNSELOR ARRESTED

A former children's counselor at John De La Howe School, a state owned institution located within McCormick County, was arrested by SLED agents on Thursday, April 13, 2006, and charged with **Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor.**

The former children's counselor is identified as **Nathaniel M. Langford**, 36, of 1713 Edgefield Road in North Augusta, South Carolina. He was arrested on Thursday morning at approximately 10:30 a.m., and was booked at the McCormick County Detention Center.

The arrest is a result of an investigation conducted by SLED and the McCormick County Sheriff's Office. The case will be prosecuted by the 11th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

* Warrant Attached.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF MCCORMICK

ATTACHMENT A AFFIDAVIT FOR ARREST WARRANT

Section 16-17-490 Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor CDR Code: 0048

That on or about August 07, 2005, one Nathaniel M. Langford, a male over the age of 18, did knowingly, intentionally and willfully encourage, aid or cause or to do any act which shall cause a minor to so deport himself or herself as to willfully injure or endanger his or her morals or health or the morals or health of others.

This violation took place at John De La Howe School, a state owned, operated and supported institution, this location being within McCormick County, South Carolina.

The affiant knows this to be true because the affiant, during the course of his investigation, has uncovered information indicating that the defendant did allegedly engage in sexual activity with a female student (under the age of 18) at the school, while working in his capacity as a children's counselor at John De La Howe ("Loco Parentis"). This allegation is supported by written statements received by your affiant concerning this incident. The affiant and / or involved witnesses are prepared to testify to the same.

This being in violation of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

Sworm to and subscribed before me this 6 day of April

A.M. Runy

Defendant: LANGFORD, Nathaniel-M.

Address: 1713 Edgefield Road, North Augusta, SC

DOB: 11-16-1969

Race: B Sex: M

SSN:

Height: Weight:

SLED Case #: 32050133